

# HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1304

By Ford

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Dallas R. "Dal" Jones for meritorious service to the citizens of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, Dallas R. "Dal" Jones is one such noteworthy person who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, a native of Erwin, Mr. Jones graduated from Unicoi County High School before attending the University of Oklahoma and East Tennessee State University; and

WHEREAS, willing to sacrifice his personal safety and concerns to ensure our individual and collective freedom, Dal Jones served in the United States Army for three years, winning the Soldier of the Month Award in February of 1961; and

WHEREAS, this talented man has plied his significant abilities in a number of professional positions, including as a Support Postal Operations Officer and Post Master for the United States Postal Service until 1982, as Business Manager at Southern Methodist University from 1984 to 1986, and as Manager of American Press in Gordonsville, Virginia, from 1988 to 1990; and

WHEREAS, a consummate public servant, Mr. Jones has worked for the improvement of the quality of life for his fellow citizens as the Mayor of Erwin and as a Justice of the Peace for the 3<sup>rd</sup> District Unicoi County Court Magistrate. Furthermore, he has served as a member of the planning commission, the industrial commission, the Patronage Committee, the State Board of Health, and the State Council of Vocational Education; and

WHEREAS, Dal Jones, an invaluable part of his community, has been involved in a multiplicity of civic and community organizations, including the board of directors of Unicoi

County Rescue Squad, the board of directors of the Erwin YMCA, the Evan's Elementary School Parent-Teacher Association, the Free and Accepted Mason Lodge 408, and the Elks; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jones has lent his laudable leadership skills to the Unicoi County Utility District as Commissioner and Chairman, the Community Chest as Vice President, the Erwin Jaycees as Vice President, the Unicoi County United Fund Drive as Vice President, the Unicoi County Chapter of the American Red Cross as Vice President, and the Veterans of Foreign Wars of Erwin as Trustee and Post Chaplain; and

WHEREAS, Dal Jones is currently engaged as a Deputy Sheriff in both Washington and Unicoi counties, as a substitute professor of military science at East Tennessee State University, and as a volunteer for the Manna House and the Ripley House, which endeavor to assist homeless and disabled veterans; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to honors and acclaim, Mr. Jones has been presented with a plethora of awards, including the 1970 Distinguished Service Award, the 1970 and 1971 Key Man Award, the 1971 Outstanding Young Man of America Award, the 1971 Spoke Award, the 1971 Freedom Guard Award, and the 1970-1971 Community Service Award; he has also been recognized as Colonel, Aide de Camp under five different governors; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jones has been an active and devout member of the Calvary Baptist Church, which he has served faithfully for many years as a Sunday School teacher, coach of the basketball team, Deacon, and President of the Church Brotherhood; and

WHEREAS, Dal Jones epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, his outstanding record of public service and his many accomplishments aside, Mr. Jones is perhaps most grateful for the love and companionship he shares with his wife, Susan Brown Jones; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Dal Jones for his dedication to the State of Tennessee and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby commend Dal Jones for his honorable and astute service to the good people of Tennessee and salute his unswerving commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.